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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: GE, GW
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRISONER EXCHANGE INVOLVING ALAN VAN NORMAN

REF: STATE 101011

1. GDR LAWYER VOGEL LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 19 TELEPHONED DCM, WHOM HE HAD MET AT SEVERAL RECEPTIONS, TO STATE THAT MRS. VOGEL WISHED TO VISIT EMBASSY APRIL 20 IN CONNECTION WITH A VISA APPLICATION FOR VOGEL. MRS. VOGEL MORNING APRIL 20 DELIVERED VISA APPLICATION AND IT WAS AGREED SHE WOULD PICK UP VISA APRIL 24 (VOGELS WILL BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL THEN). DISCUSSION CONCERNED ONLY VISA APPLI-CATION AND PICKUP.

2. RE PARA 8 OF REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ORIGINAL CLEMENCY PETITION BUT IS PREPARED TO PROCEED AS INSTRUCTED IF DEPT. WISHES.

3. RE PARAS 6 AND 10 OF REFTEL, THOMPSON-VAN NORMAN TURNOVER AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE COULD RESULT IN PUBLIC NOTICE, AND THEREFORE WE THINK THIS ALTERNATIVE SHOULD
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BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK THAT USE OF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE STATION WOULD BE BEST APPROACH IN THAT IT LEAST LIKELY TO ATTRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION, AND VAN NORMAN AND ANYONE WHO MIGHT ACCOMPANY HIM COULD DETRAIN UNCHECKED AND UNNOTICED AT APPROPRIATE STOP IN WEST BERLIN. USE OF VOGEL'S CAR COULD RESULT IN ITS OCCUPANTS BEING CHECKED BY WEST BERLIN CUSTOMOFFICIALS AND THERE-

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